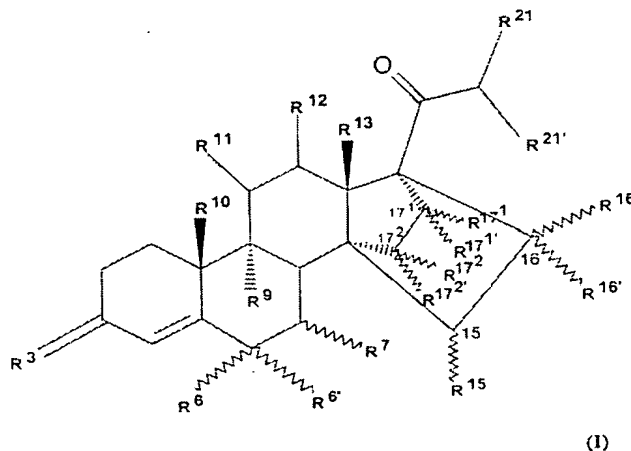


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination that consists of~~ A combination comprising at least one gestagen and a β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin or ~~derivatives~~ a derivative of these cyclodextrins β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin, which ~~are~~ is obtained by etherification or esterification of free alcoholic functions of ~~the cyclodextrins~~, whereby cyclodextrin, wherein the gestagen is a 14,17- C_2 -bridged steroid.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination according to claim 1, whereby the gestagens belong to the group of formula I~~ A combination comprising at least one gestagen and a β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin or a derivative of β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin, which is obtained by etherification or esterification of free alcoholic functions of cyclodextrin, wherein said at least one gestagen is a compound of formula I:



in which

R^3 ~~stands for~~ is an oxygen atom, ~~the~~ a hydroxyimino group, or two hydrogen atoms,

R^6 ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or an α - or β -position C_1 - C_4 alkyl radical,

~~Whereby then wherein~~ wherein $R^{6'}$ and R^7 represent hydrogen atoms, or else

$R^{6'}$ ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl radical, ~~whereby then wherein~~ $R^{6'}$ and R^7 represent a common additional bond,

R^7 ~~stands for~~ is an α - or β -position C_1 - C_4 alkyl radical, ~~whereby then~~ wherein R^6 and $R^{6'}$ represent hydrogen atoms, or else

R^6 and R^7 together stand for an α - or β -position methylene group, and $R^{6'}$ ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom, or R^6 and $R^{6'}$ together stand for an ethylene group or a methylene group, and R^7 ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom,

R^9 and R^{10} in each case stand for a hydrogen atom or a common bond,

R^{11} and R^{12} in each case stand for a hydrogen atom or a common bond,

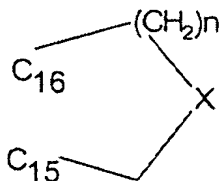
R^{13} ~~stands for~~ is a methyl or ethyl group,

R^{15} ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_3 alkyl radical,

R^{16} and $R^{16'}$, independently of one another, stand for a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_3 alkyl radical or a C_2 - C_4 alkenyl radical or together for a C_1 - C_3 alkylidene group,

R^{15} and R^{16} stand for a common bond, and $R^{16'}$ stands for a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_3 alkyl radical, or

R^{15} and R^{16} together stand for a ring of partial formula



in which $n = 1$ and 2 , and X means a methylene group or an oxygen atom, and $R^{16'}$ stands for a hydrogen atom,

R^{171} ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_3 alkyl radical,

R^{172} ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_3 alkyl radical, or a C_2 - C_4 alkenyl radical,

$R^{171'}$ and $R^{172'}$ in each case is a hydrogen atom or for a common bond,

R²¹ ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₃ alkyl radical,

R^{21'} ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₃ alkyl radical, or a hydroxy group.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination~~ The combination according to claim 2 ~~1, whereby wherein~~ the gestagen is a (21S)-21-hydroxy-21-methyl-14,17-ethano-19-norpregna-4,9,15-triene-3,20-dione.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination~~ The combination according to claim 1, ~~whereby wherein~~ the cyclodextrin is a β -cyclodextrin.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination~~ The combination according to claim 1, ~~whereby wherein~~ the cyclodextrin and the gestagen are present with β -cyclodextrin in a complex of 1:n (gestagen : cyclodextrin, $n \geq 1$), and are present with γ -cyclodextrin in a complex of 1:n ($n \geq 1$) (gestagen : cyclodextrin).

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination~~ The combination according to claim 6 which has been formulated as a stable, oral formulation.

8. (Withdrawn) Combination according to claim 6 for the production of a pharmaceutical agent for treating menopausal symptoms.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination agent or pharmaceutical preparation that contains~~ A pharmaceutical composition comprising a combination according to claim 1 ~~with and a pharmaceutically compatible adjuvants and vehicles~~ acceptable adjuvant or vehicle.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination agent or pharmaceutical preparation that contains a combination according to claim 1~~ The pharmaceutical composition of claim 10

which has been formulated for peroral, oral, parenteral, transdermal, pulmonary, nasal, rectal, vaginal or intrauterine use.

12. (Withdrawn) ~~Use of a combination according to claim 1 for the production of a medication for treating premenstrual symptoms, such as headaches, depression, water retention and mastodynia~~ A method for treating premenstrual symptoms comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a combination of claim 1.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A method for birth control ~~with administration of comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a combination composition~~ according to claim 1 10.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A method for stabilization of a gestagen according to ~~Formula I according to~~ of claim 2 1 ~~with use of~~ comprising mixing said gestagen with a β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin or a derivative of these cyclodextrins a β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin, which ~~are~~ is obtained by etherification or esterification of free alcoholic functions of cyclodextrins.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A method for complexing a gestagen according to claim 1 and a β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin ~~while being triturated as a dry mixture or by precipitation reaction, preferably co-precipitation~~ comprising triturating said gestagen and said cyclodextrin to form a dry mixture of the gestagen-cyclodextrin complex.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A method for direct pelletizing of a gestagen complex according to claim 1 with a β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin ~~with the addition of and a pharmaceutically compatible adjuvants~~ adjuvant comprising mixing said gestagen, cyclodextrin and said adjuvant to form a gestagen-cyclodextrin-adjuvant complex and pelleting the gestagen-cyclodextrin-adjuvant complex.

17. (New) The combination of claim 2, wherein $R^{21'}$ is a hydroxy group.

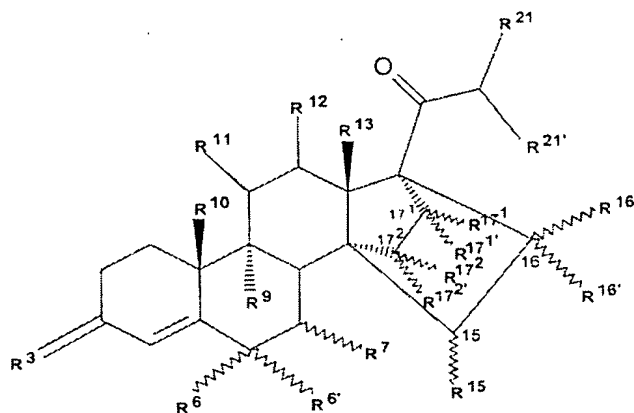
18. (New) The process of claim 15, wherein said precipitation reaction is a co-precipitation reaction.

19. (New) A process for complexing a gestagen according to claim 1 and a β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin comprising adding an ethanolic solution of said gestagen to an aqueous solution of said cyclodextrin to form a precipitate of the gestagen-cyclodextrin complex.

20. (New) The combination according to claim 1, wherein the gestagen is a (21S)-21-hydroxy-21-methyl-14,17-ethano-19-norpregna-4,9,15-triene-3,20-dione and the cyclodextrin is a β -cyclodextrin.

21. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein said premenstrual symptoms are headache, depression, water retention and mastodynia.

22. (New) A combination consisting of a gestagen and a β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin or a derivative of β -cyclodextrin or a γ -cyclodextrin, which is obtained by etherification or esterification of free alcoholic functions of a cyclodextrin, wherein said at least one gestagen is a compound of formula I:



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$R^{6'}$ stands for a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or for a C_1 - C_4 alkyl radical, wherein then $R^{6'}$ and R^7 represent a common additional bond,

R^7 stands for an α - or β -position C_1 - C_4 alkyl radical, wherein then R^6 and $R^{6'}$ represent hydrogen atoms, or else

R^6 and R^7 together stand for an α - or β -position methylene group, and $R^{6'}$ stands for a hydrogen atom, or R^6 and $R^{6'}$ together stand for an ethylene group or a methylene group, and R^7 stands for a hydrogen atom,

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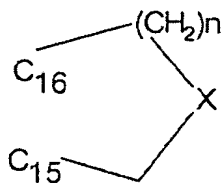
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